

## IXDO-CHINA

the sovereignty and private  
**life,**  
was the country's  
administration. In  
m to autocracy, communal organization  
was **intro-**  
**duced** into at the time that it was being  
destroyed in  
the countries\* The Khmers could not grasp its  
purpose and  
to an instrument. The  
prematurity of  
by their refusal to accept the  
responsibility of the  
office, was used solely to exploit the  
people under  
them.  
The French to control effectively native officialdom is  
probably  
the charge can be brought against an  
otherwise  
Protectorate. Office-holding in Cambodia has  
still the  
of a farm let out to the highest bidder — in other  
words,  
**the** intriguer. Mandarins frankly announce the  
sum that their office  
them. The literal translation of the Khmer word "**to**  
reign"  
is "the his royalty/\* as the king does so  
doth the busy  
What the Occidental calls abuse of power and graft  
is  
**not** by the Cambodians, who take it all as  
natural  
Certain important have no salaries at all and others  
are underpaid. There are many Khmer judges  
who receive  
an cook — eighteen piastres a month\* So  
It every functionary has but one  
guiding **thought,**  
to the out of his in the quickest possible  
time, since  
**its** is It on **favour,** is precarious.  
As in Annam\*  
**the** of the French the opportunities for  
money-  
the type of functionary is more of an  
ever. "Hie old-time **official** was venality incarnate\* but  
Ms life of had a that won him  
popular

*The* *the* French,, is from his  
people,  
**and has** **his** like die moral and  
**intellectual**  
of his benevolent predecessor. **Village**  
authorities  
ire  
**The** **are too** **to protest,** **it would** be  
**futile** if **they**  
for when attacked, aad *the* natives  
have  
**no** the **Fiend\*** **The** presiding  
genius  
**over** all **tibia** of was the Minister of the  
Wbce?, who held  
**With the** Mug *he* only permanent **the**  
las stealily Increased  
at **the** of **the**  
**Pzotoctoiaate**